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Applicants:	Ismail Emesh, et al.	Docket No.:	34759.9600
Serial No.:	09/781,593	Examiner:	William T. Leader
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Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL PLANARIZATION OF A WORKPIECE	Confirmation No.	1303

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.